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(POWERS)

ROME, GA.--FRANCIS GARY POWERS, THE U-2 PILOT RECENTLY FREED BY THE RUSSIANS, ARRIVED HERE TODAY FOR A SECRET MEETING WITH HIS WIFE AND FOUND A BATTERY OF NEWSMEN INSTEAD.

POWERS APPEARED IRRITATED THAT HIS ARRIVAL ATTRACTED WIDE-SPREAD ATTENTION. HE SAID HE AND MRS. POWERS HAD "BEEN HOPING FOR PRIVACY."

MRS. BARBARA POWERS ARRIVED FROM HER MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., HOME NEARLY TWO HOURS AFTER HER HUSBAND.

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